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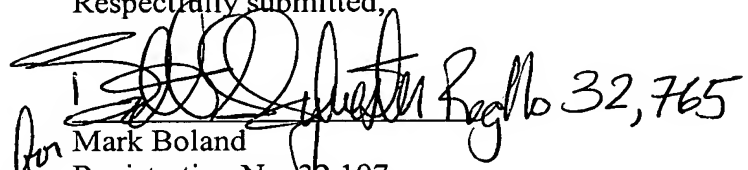
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JP-A- Nos. 2-36276, 2-233782, 2-233783, 60-108481, 2-36277, 2-36278, 56-139568, 61-285275, 3-106974, 7-97541, 10-158560, 11-12514 and WO 97/16496 are cited and discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the present application.

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### NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation <sup>6</sup>
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